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RE: Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 w/Exhibit A (IDS & Postcard)
and
Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.132

Applicant(s): **Lori A. FRAUENHOFER**
Serial No. : **10/057,852**
Conf. No.: **1578**
Filing Date: **January 25, 2002**
Our Docket No.: **2002B012**
Examiner: **Nasser AHMAD**
Art Unit No.: **1772**
Invention: **"Biaxially-Oriented Facestock for Conformable Pressure-Sensitive Labels"**

I hereby certify that this**Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.111 and Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.132****is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 10/057,852

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For: BIAXIALY-ORIENTED
FACESTOCK FOR CONFORMABLE
PRESSURE-SENSITIVE LABELS

Dated: August 25, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**DECLARATION OF LORI A. FRAUENHOFER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

Sir:

I, Lori A. Fraunhofer, do hereby declare and state:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter set forth in the above-referenced application.

2. My educational background encompasses the technology discussed herein, and includes a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (received in 1985), and a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (received in 1988).

3. My work experience since college has been directed towards the development and processing of polymeric films, and includes the following:

1988-1991 - Development Engineer at Hercules, Inc.;

1991-1997 - Process Engineer at Mobil Chemical Company; and

1997-date - Development Engineer at Mobil Chemical Company (now ExxonMobil).

4. I am thoroughly familiar with the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application and am thoroughly familiar with the contents of the official Office Action dated April 23, 2003.

5. The Examiner has rejected the claims of the application under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and or use the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that the specification fails to teach the basis for the percentage of composition of the core layer.

6. It is my understanding that the Examiner is questioning whether the composition percentages described in the specification are by weight or some other value. It is the standard of this industry, and it is certainly the standard within ExxonMobil, the assignee of the above-referenced invention, to use percentages by weight when describing polymeric film structures. In fact, the two references cited by the Examiner describe polymeric compositions by weight, as do the plurality of patents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 22, 2002. Thus, a person skilled in the art, unless specifically advised to the contrary, would understand that the polymeric compositions identified in the above-referenced specification, are by weight.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and

the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 8/25/03

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